

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting
March 1, 2010**

Members: Kathy Hummel, Chair
Don Walters
Carol Klinger

Mrs. Hummel called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the February 1, 2010 and February 16, 2010 Committee meetings were approved as submitted.

Legislation to be Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-36
Temp. Ord. A-37
Temp. Ord. A-38
Temp. Ord. A-39

Discussion

Temp. Ord. A-36

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into a contract with BRK Brands for the purchase of smoke detectors, and declaring an emergency.

Chief Moledor stated this is a grant the City received from FEMA for \$63,000. It is an 80/20 split. FEMA will send \$50,400 to the City and the City will come up with \$12,600. They will be purchasing 3,000 smoke detectors and will continue the ongoing program they've had. The company providing the detectors was charging 20 cents less than what the City paid before and shipping and handling. Mrs. Hummel asked if these are hard wired units. Chief Moledor stated they were. They are newer types of models with ten-year lithium batteries. There is also a photo electric part which is new. Mrs. Hummel asked how many detectors go into one home on average. Chief Moledor stated it depended on the size of the house and how many bedrooms there were. They usually install anywhere between four and six in one dwelling. They have serviced over 7,000 homes over a ten-year period. The fire department will continue to install them. Mrs. Pyke stated this is one of the best things the City can do for the residents. Chief Moledor added that when they are in someone's home, they also look around and help them with fire hazards that they see.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-36.

Temp. Ord A-37

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract or contracts according to law for the maintenance of the public safety regional dispatch system equipment, and declaring an emergency.

John Konich stated this is for maintenance for all of the equipment in regional dispatch, including 911, radio equipment, and console. It is for both hardware and software. This cost came in under budget and represents a one percent increase over 2009. Mrs. Hummel added that this is a maintenance agreement for approximately \$61,000. Mrs. Klinger asked if there is a response time requirement on this equipment. Mr. Konich stated the company is available 24/7 and response time is within two hours for most equipment. Non-critical equipment would take longer.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-37.

Temp. Ord. A-38

An ordinance authorizing payment of the moral claim of John Gomersal as approved by the Claims Commission, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Arrington stated that Mr. Gomersal operates a lawn maintenance service and does work for Grace Summit Church. He was mowing in the devil's strip and hit some posts that were left behind by a contractor that had been doing work. Repairs were \$556 for damage to the lawn mower. The City still has retainage on the project so it will get reimbursed. The Commission approved this claim unanimously. Mrs. Hummel asked whether the City would receive the whole amount. Mr. Arrington believed so. Mrs. Hummel stated she did not like paying a claim out of the Storm Drainage Fund, however, Council is being reassured that the amount will be repaid. She asked if this was a contractor the City continues to use. Mr. Demasi stated it was. Mrs. Hummel asked if there have been any other instances. Mr. Demasi stated this was the only one. The City is still holding \$2,500 so they will simply return that amount to the contractor less the amount of the claim.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-38.

Temp. Ord. A-39

An ordinance authorizing payment of the moral claim of Robert Govia as approved by the Claims Commission, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Arrington stated this was a sewer backup. The claimant suffered \$4,500 in damage. He had insurance and is requesting reimbursement for his \$1,000 deductible plus \$190 to have a private technician come out to determine where the blockage was. The Sewer Department ran a line and found a large blockage. The property is located at 2345 Bailey Road.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-39.

Mrs. Klinger stated that Council received the Report 21 the previous week. She was curious whether the Nat charges for services were up or down vs. January of the prior year. Mr. Brodzinski stated he would check and reply via e-mail. Mrs. Klinger stated she just wanted to know where we are with Nat revenue this year vs. last year. Mrs. Hummel requested that Mr. Brodzinski respond to all of Council with his answer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.